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For: **SYSTEMS AND METHOD FOR COMPONENT-BASED SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT**

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (cancelled).

- 1 13. (Original) A messaging platform for a component-based software system, the
2 platform comprising:
3 a connection assembler for at least one of creating, managing and manipulating a
4 first messaging platform connection;
5 a protocol management framework for implementation of a predetermined
6 transport protocol over the first connection;
7 a schema generator for, responsive to a request for service received over a second
8 messaging platform connection, creating a document according to a predetermined format, the
9 document containing information to be provided to another system over the first connection;